



St. John's Weekly News

July 26, 2026

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Mission Statement:

Understanding that God's church does not have a mission, but rather that God's mission has a church. The people of St. John's Lutheran Church join God in God's mission by equipping for life, encouraging in discipleship, and engaging in service.

POTLUCK BRUNCH— AUGUST 9th

Our brunch to celebrate Ron and Helen Morella's new adventure (their move to Bradenton, Florida) is quickly approaching. We will miss them dearly, and we want you to have an opportunity to visit with them before they leave at the end of the month. We need our final head count soon so please sign up as soon as possible—the sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Thank you!

WAGON NEEDED

Our church is blessed to receive donations of food, clothing, household items, and other essentials for our neighbors in need. To help our volunteers sort and move these items safely and efficiently, we are seeking the donation of a large-capacity utility wagon or cart. A sturdy wagon would make it easier to transport boxes and bags to and from the basement with fewer trips and less lifting. If you have a new or used heavy-duty wagon or utility cart to donate, please contact the church office—thank you for helping support our ministry.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

OGT donations sorting will take place at 10:00am on Tuesday, July 28th, in the church basement. We welcome your help and appreciate any time you can spare. To learn more about the wonderful work OGT is doing around the world and ways you can help, please visit <https://www.ogt.org/branches/mid-atlantic/>. They are always in need of clothing and hygiene/medical supplies if you have any to donate. Please contact the church office or Roger Hazzard if you have any questions.

MEALS FOR THE HOMELESS

Our next meal collection for the Interfaith Men's shelter will be from 4-4:30pm on Thursday, August 6th. Diane Snyder has graciously agreed to fill in for me, as I will be out of town that day. Our theme will be "Dog Days of Summer". God Bless!— Sharon

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE

July is generally a vacation time for a lot of people. Children are out of school, it's hot, and everyone just wants to stay cool. However, the problems and stresses of life don't take vacations. We may choose to forget about them, but they are with us wherever we go. In the heat of summer, call for a Stephen Minister who can bring some cool air to your hot summer day. A Stephen Minister can help you not only face, but also cope with the stress in your life. Stephen Ministry doesn't take a vacation- we are here year-round to help you cope. Call Ellen French, Peggy Angel, or Pastor CJ at 302-734-7078 today.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank Jeanette O'Neill for giving altar flowers for this Sunday's service.

Dedication:

The flowers are given in loving memory of my granddaughter, Annie Elizabeth Dela Cuesta.

If you would like to sign up to donate altar flowers for an upcoming service, please use the chart in the narthex or contact the church office. Jen-Mor Florist charges \$50 for two vases. Please call them at 302-697-3273 to place your order and confirm the price. Thank you.

THANK YOU

Last week's collection for the Interfaith Women's Shelter was a great success. All of your donations are much appreciated. Currently there are 17 people living at the shelter. Thank you for sharing your blessings with them!— Diane

BAKESALE

Our bake sale last Sunday went well and we added another \$320.00 to our building improvement fund. The next bake sale will be on August 16th and the theme is "Apples". Thank you to all our wonderful bakers who made our sweets for this one. Hope to see you in August.—Vera

SUNDAES ON WEDNESDAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us last week for our Christmas in July Sundaes on Wednesday event! Our next music concert and ice cream social will be on August 26th. We hope you will join us!

SAVE THE DATE— October 4th

We are planning to hold our annual Fall picnic on Sunday, October 4th, following the worship service. More information to come!

SERVICE HELPERS

July 26th Usher– Jeff Reader– Jack Assisting Minister— Steve Lay Deacon— Jandy Stephen Minister– Rich P.	August 2 nd Usher– Barry Reader– Diane S. Assisting Minister— Roger Lay Deacon— tbd Stephen Minister– Judy	August 9 th Usher– Lia Reader– Tricia Assisting Minister— Vickie Lay Deacon— Rich P. Stephen Minister– Helen
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Happening at St. John's 7/26-8/1

Sunday 9:15am Worship Service with Holy Communion
Children's Church

Monday

Tuesday 10:00am Devotions at Dover Place

Wednesday 3:00pm Bible Study at Dover Place

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Prayer Requests

We lift the following people up in prayer...

Christine Flemming, The family and friends of Ronny Hays, Melissa Wheeler, Family and friends of Arnold Aravena, Courtney Hurst, The family of Laney Rowe Dunkley, The family and friends of Marianne Letavish, Tom Rutley, Lloyd Schneiderwent, Clifford Ramminger, Wil Ramminger, Teresa Boyd, Flow Burrows, John French, Mary Nicodemus, Garry Saroukos, Skylar Marisi, Emmalyne Smyser, Melissa McGuire, Rick Mohnk, John Reininger, Donna Mason, Katie Borntreger, Susan Rogers

If you have prayer requests or news to share with the congregation, please call or e-mail the church office by noon on Wednesday for your submission to be included in that Friday's newsletter. Thank you!

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Upcoming Birthdays

7/26 Wesley Mason
7/28 Jamie Fairbanks
7/30 Vickie Thompson
8/10 Elizabeth Stephens
8/13 Eva Mason
8/13 Terry Starowicz

Upcoming Anniversaries

7/25 Dr. Don and Gesine Abrutyn
7/31 Rick and Connie Mohnk
8/16 Billy and Julie Sammons

Options for Church Offerings:

- ⇒ Vanco Mobile App
- ⇒ Checks can be mailed to the church or dropped off
- ⇒ Online donations can be made at sjldover.com

- ⇒ Offering plate at services

Thank you for supporting the ministry of
St. John's Lutheran Church